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## STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY

I welcome examination of my work here at the Commission, including on the Net Neutrality item. As discussed at today's Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing, my staff shared my draft op-ed with outside parties. But there was no need for ex parte filings because they were commenting on my personal views and advocacy, not lobbying or expressing views to the Commission in any capacity. Moreover, these communications did not have any effect on my ultimate decisions or the outcome of the FCC proceeding, which was radically different from what I discussed in my op-ed and from what the Commission initially proposed.